

Short News Stories From All Over Virginia

JOHN WRIGHT AT POINT OF DEATH.

Original of "Devil Judd," in One of Fox's Novels.

Freeling, Va., February 22.—John Wright, the original of "Devil Judd," a character in John Fox's novel, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," is lying at the point of death at his home at Elkhorn Creek, Ky. A stream that drains a region known as the home of many feuds, in not a few of which he was engaged. It was mainly through his efforts that the Ku Klux Klan of Pike, Letcher and other counties of the mountainous section was suppressed a few years ago. Wright is reputed to have amassed considerable wealth. He transferred large holdings to the Consolidation Coal Company at the beginning of operations in the Elkhorn coal field, for which he is said to have received large sums.

GOES TO RAGGED MOUNTAIN.

Miss Porter, of Waynesboro, Engaged in Missionary Work.

Waynesboro, Va., February 22.—Miss Bessie Porter left this week to

enter upon her duties as assistant to the superintendent of the Mountain Mission, an Episcopal institution located in the Ragged Mountains of Greene County. There is a school and a hospital on a small scale, which have done a great deal of good among the poor and illiterate of the mountain. It is kept up solely by voluntary contributions. Miss Porter will probably make it her life work to help the people. She is a splendid Christian woman, devoted to charity work and doing good, ready and willing to make any sacrifice which she can accomplish anything. For the past two years she has been active in this sort of work in and about Waynesboro, and there are many who regret to see her leave here, but she feels that she goes is larger, and she feels that it needs her more, and where duty calls Miss Porter goes.

FOR SERVICE IN MEXICO.

Captain of Harrisonburg Guards on

Lookout for 100 Men.

Harrisonburg, Va., February 22.—Several days ago, Captain William Wehner, of the Harrisonburg Guards, received from the War Department instructions to ascertain if 100 men could be secured here who would be willing to engage in actual service in case of war with Mexico. Blanks and other papers were sent for the signatures of volunteers. Wehner, who is also receiving instructions to examine and test the ammunition on hand.

The captain said that he did not know what effect the overthrow of the Mexican government will have on the situation, but in the absence of further orders from the department he will proceed to secure 100 men if possible, who would be willing to participate in actual warfare if called upon by the government. The list is what is termed the "reserve list," and does not amount to a regular enlistment, but is rather a mere volunteer of service on the part of citizens to stand by the government in case their services in the army would be necessary.

BIG TOBACCO PRIZERY.

Soon to Be Built in South Boston by

Imperial Tobacco Company.

South Boston, Va., February 22.—South Boston will soon have another large tobacco prizer, work having already commenced by removing a lot of small cabins, preparatory to beginning to excavate. The building will be erected by the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain and Ireland, and will cost \$100,000. A short while ago this company purchased a number of small lots, containing about two acres, located on the north end of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, near the prizer of the J. P. Henry Company.

The building will be of brick, three stories in height, and this will probably be the largest building the Imperial Company has erected in the United States. Already five carloads of brick have arrived. The building will be of the most modern type and as near fireproof as possible. The plant will be equipped with the very newest and best machinery.

ELKS' HOME NEARLY FINISHED.

Inside Practically Completed—Will Be

Modern and Up-to-Date.

Danville, Va., February 22.—The new Elks' Building, which has been in course of construction for the past several months, is now nearing completion. Practically all of the work has been done on the inside, and painters have been busy engaged for the past few days in painting the woodwork on the inside, and the painting on the outside is to be begun in a few days. There now remains a very little work to be done before the building is ready for occupancy.

Gravely, the contractor for the building, says that there is going to be anything added to the building to keep it from looking so abrupt. He said that four large towers would be placed there and that these would add very much to its attractiveness. Two large, handsome brass entrance lights have arrived and will be used on each side of the main entrance, and by the time that all of the trimmings have been added the building will present a very handsome appearance.

The new home will be the acme of comfort. Heavy upholstered chairs will be used in the lobbies, and the dining-rooms and rathskeller will be handsomely furnished. Hot and cold water will be available at all times.

VISITOR'S MIND BLANK.

S. E. Truett Could Not Remember His

Newport News, Va., February 22.—

His mind apparently a complete blank, S. E. Truett, a merchant of Willard, Md., arrived in this city late today afternoon on the Steamer Virginia. He was turned over by the officers of the steamer to Special Agent Henry E. Bridges, of the railway company, and moved to the St. Francis Hospital under the care of Dr. S. W. Hobson, physician to the railway company.

On Thursday morning Truett recovered his memory and told the chief of police his name and place of residence. He said that he had had financial worries and that this probably was responsible for his mental condition. However, he could not remember how he got to Norfolk or why he went there, or does he remember what caused him to come to this city.

Mrs. Truett was telegraphed at Willard and replied that some member of the family would be sent here to take Truett home. The man says that he never drank or smoked in his life and is unable to assign any reason as to why his mind should have become a blank.

FAKER IN FREDERICKSBURG.

Works Scheme Only Short Time Before

He Skips.

Fredericksburg, Va., February 22.—A stranger, who here Monday, who claimed to be sent around by the city water works to inspect hydrants and sell a little wire strainer that fits over the spigots at 10 cents each. He went to private houses and insisted on the purchase of the strainers, saying that he was sent to see that they were used as a sanitary precaution.

Several persons were faked into buying the strainers, which are absolutely worthless.

The same man is said to have worked the scheme in Richmond.

When the officers got on to the game the faker had vanished.

CONFER ABOUT BRIDGE.

Madison Heights Citizens Do Not Want

Annexation.

Lynchburg, Va., February 22.—Despite the inclement weather, the auditorium of the Madison Heights School was practically filled Thursday night when a large number of citizens of the village, members of the Board of Trade of Amherst County, and the entire Lynchburg Street Committee of the Common Council, met to consider ways and means of agreeing upon a proposition to build the proposed \$200,000 concrete bridge over the James River. City Engineer Harry L. Shaner was present and answered questions relative to estimates.

The sense of the meeting was couched in two resolutions, both of which were passed unanimously. The

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\$3.50 Genuine Leather Slip Seat Chair	\$2.50
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first was to the effect that it was the sense of the meeting that Amherst County should contribute the sum of \$20,000 towards the erection of the viaduct; the second was that if it were possible to get a bridge otherwise, the citizens of Madison Heights did not wish to become a part of Lynchburg's annexation. A committee was appointed to confer with the Amherst County Supervisors and arrange a mammoth mass-meeting to be held at Amherst Courthouse in the near future, when the question will be formally brought before the citizens of the county who will indicate in this way what they desire the Board of Supervisors to do.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Will Take Up Matter of Proposed Highway to Arlington.

Alexandria, Va., February 22.—Carroll Pierce, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has announced the committee which he has appointed to con-

fer with members of the Senate and Congress, in regard to the proposed highway from the south end of the Highway Bridge to Arlington. Those appointed by Mr. Pierce are: Albert D. Brockett, chairman; C. S. Taylor Burke, William A. Smoot, Jr., James M. Duncan and Dr. Hugh McGuire. It is expected that this committee will at once arrange a conference with the committees of the Congress and the Senate that has this matter in charge.

PICTURE OF LATE CAPTAIN.

Will Be Hung in Room of Company L,

Fourth Virginia Volunteers.

Portsmouth, Va., February 22.—The late George S. Hutchins was captain of Company L, Fourth Regiment, Virginia volunteers, at the time of his death and was held in high esteem by the citizens of the county who he died a very excellent photograph was obtained of him and has since been warmly cherished. Recently it

was determined by the company to have this picture enlarged to desirable proportions and to hang it in the meeting-room, as a mark of regard for his memory. The work is expected to be of such merit as to entitle it to public exhibition before being finally placed in the company's quarters. To that end it will be shown in one of the business houses on High Street.

TREES RECEIVING ATTENTION.

Work of Expert Adds to Beauty of Suffolk.

Suffolk, Va., February 22.—The trees of Suffolk are fast assuming trim proportions, under the skillful hands of "Dr." Maudsley.

Dead limbs have been cut away, cavities cleaned out and filled with a preparation of tar, and in some few instances, old diseased trees have been taken up. The expert who has the work on the trees in hand says that while Suffolk has some beautiful trees, there is not enough variety. He advises the planting of the red oak and water oak, both of which thrive in this section.

Some of the trees are infested with the maple shade trees. He also found the maple scale, for which he treated spiders and other destructive insects. The beautifying commission will put out new trees and ornamental shrubs and flowers. By order of the Council all persons who damage or destroy these trees, shrubs or flowers, or who trample on the grass which will be sown by the beautifying commission, will be liable to a fine.

LUNEBURG TEACHERS MEET.

Association Reorganized and School

Fair Planned.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Victoria, Va., February 22.—The Teachers' Association of Lunenburg County met at Victoria February 20 to 21 in the Victoria High School Building, with about thirty-five teachers present.

The first meeting was called at 3 o'clock on Thursday with Mr. Coleman, the president of the association, presiding.

After an opening talk by the president, the association was reorganized, the following officers being elected: president, W. G. Coleman; vice-presidents, Miss Mary Leo Bridgeforth, Brown's Store District; Miss Florence Skillman, Columbian Grove District; Miss Ada M. Gauley, Loch Lomond District; Mrs. M. R. Orgain, Lewiston District; Mrs. L. M. Crymes, Pleasant Grove District; Mrs. Ida L. Gregory, Richwood District; Miss Fannie Phelps, Plymouth District; secretary and treasurer, Miss P. Lucile Williams.

It was decided that the organization should not be disbanded, but there be a renewed effort on the part of the members, and the meetings should be made more interesting and helpful.

The question of holding a school fair was next discussed, and the making of the plans for such a fair submitted to a committee consisting of the president, as chairman, and the vice-presidents from the several districts.

After an informal introduction of the teachers by Mr. Wilkinson, the meeting was adjourned in order that department meetings might be held in the several rooms of the building, and questions decided upon for round-table discussion on Friday.

The second meeting of the association was held in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening.

An address was made by Miss Edith A. Luther, principal of the Salem Graded School, on drawing in public school work. Miss Lucile Williams made an address on the need in the schools of the active and intelligent

co-operation of the parents. There followed an address by John E. Martin, principal of the Kenbridge High School, on the subject "The Flower in the School." After a report by Miss Lucile Williams, of the State conference in Richmond, the evening session of the association was adjourned, and a meeting of the vice-presidents called.

The third and last meeting of the association was held on Friday morning. After the registration of teachers, Kenbridge was selected as the place of the next meeting of the association, on the second Thursday and Friday in November, 1913.

The committee on the advisability of holding a school fair reported excellent reasons why a fair should be held, and also suggestions as to a plan

of work. The appointment of committees on the various forms of work, and all further plans for the fair, were postponed until a later date.

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